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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A11 discloses a fluid friction clutch with a reserve chamber in the primary disk. Documents A8 and A11 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A12 discloses a fluid friction clutch. Documents A7 and A12 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A13 discloses a fluid friction clutch. Documents A6 and A13 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A14 discloses a temperature-sensitive fluid type fan coupling apparatus. Documents A9 and A14 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A15 discloses an automotive cooling fan having a fluid friction clutch. Documents A5 and A15 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Document A16 discloses a fluid friction clutch controllable by a remote temperature sensor. Documents A4 and A16 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, the absence of such translations does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). English language abstracts are provided herewith.

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